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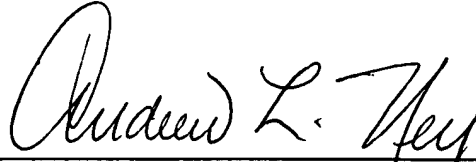
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German Reference 196 07 379; and Japanese references 9-231538; 9-265738; 10-134534; 10-177772; and 10-209517 are not in the English language, but an English abstract thereof is attached to the copy of the each reference submitted herewith.

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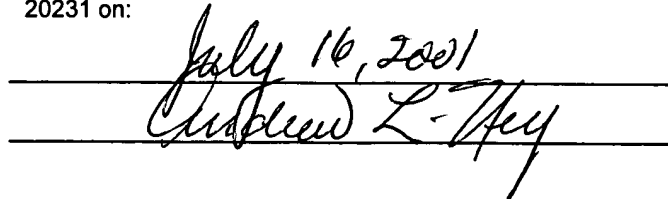
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